

Notice of Allowability

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10/613,998

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/03 and 06/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.



DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1- 20 are allowed.
2. This is examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Regarding claims 1-15, 19 and 20 the prior art either singularly or in combination does not teach a document reading apparatus comprising: a light source drive controller that includes a pulse generating unit for generating a plurality of control pulses having a period that is shorter than an accumulation period of the linear image sensor, the accumulation period being indicated by a timing signal that represents the accumulation period and a non-accumulation period, and a synchronization output unit for outputting a prescribed number of trigger pulses that are in synchronization with the timing signal and the control pulses and a light source driver that is arranged to drive the light source in response to the trigger pulses.

Regarding claim 16, the prior art either singularly or in combination does not teach a document reading apparatus comprising: a light source positioned parallel to one side of a document to irradiate light on the document, a positional relation between the document and the light source being mechanically changeable so that an irradiated area on the document moves along the other side of the document and a light source drive circuit arranged to control an on/off time of the light source to be shorter than a time obtained from dividing an accumulation period of the linear image sensor by a value m ($m > 1$) in order to alter an exposure light level of the linear image sensor.

Regarding claims 17 and 18, the prior art either singularly or in combination does not teach a document reading apparatus comprising: "...a light source drive circuit that is arranged to

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control a number of the high voltage high frequency pulses supplied to the light source within one accumulation time of the linear image sensor in order to alter an exposure light level of the linear image sensor.”

The features identified, in combination with other claim limitations, are neither suggested nor discussed by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

3. *Contact Information*

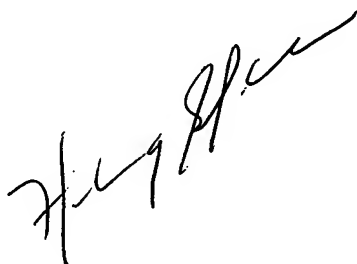
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, David Moore whose telephone number is (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Safaipoor', is written diagonally across the page.